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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

BRIGITTE GICQUEL ET AL : ATTN: NEW APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: 09/462,480 :

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FOR: A POLYNUCLEOTIDE
FUNCTIONALLY CODING FOR
THE LHP PROTEIN FROM
MYCOBACTERIUM
TUBERCULOSIS, ITS
BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE
DERIVATIVE FRAGMENTS,
AS WELL AS METHODS USING
THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 6, lines 1-2, replace "any one of Claims 1 to 5" with --Claim 1--.

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--9. (Amended) A recombinant cell host containing a purified nucleotide according to Claim 1 [any one of Claims 1 to 5 or a recombinant vector according to any one of Claims 6 to 8].--